Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I merely wanted to know whether the Government ever realised that such a section existed before Government passed such an order.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. Government were aware of it. But they thought that the municipalities themselves will take the necessary steps.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there anything standing in the way of the Government directing the municipalities to provide grazing grounds immediately? If they don't do it, their money should be taken from the treasury and Government should do it and debit it to their account.

Mr. President : So, the hon'ble member advocates interference by Government in municipal affairs to that extent?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Certainly, if the municipalities go wrong.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether a similar provision exists in the District Municipalities Act of British India?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no such provision in the District Municipalities Act.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is there such a provision in the Town Councils Act?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* But that will be brought into force, if and when necessary.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I think in the rural areas there is a provision in the Cattle Trespass Act preventing cattle from getting into the fields.

COMPOUNDERS IN MEDICAL AND VETERINARY DEPARTMENTS—MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF

39. **Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the minimum literary and special qualifications prescribed for compounders ;

(1) in the Medical Department ; and

(2) in the Veterinary Department ;

(*b*) what are the different grades of pay of compounders ;

(1) in the Medical Department ; and

(2) in the Veterinary Department ?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (1) and (2) S. S. L. C. course and compounding test.

(*b*) (1) Rs. 16—1—25—1½—40.
(2) Rs. 15—20 and Rs. 20—25.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, in the answer to sub-division (*a*) I find that both these classes of people are required to pass the same tests and to possess the same qualifications. I would like to know why then this distinction in favour of the compounders of the Medical Department?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government went into the question fully and they came to the conclusion that the grades of pay now fixed are adequate in either case.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know the rational basis on which the Government have passed their orders?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* For the duties performed by them, Government thought that the remunerations now fixed are adequate.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it that the Government are of the view that more skill is necessary in the case of the compounders of the Medical Department?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That was the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do Government know that these compounders have to assist the Veterinary Surgeon in operations and in dealing with the animals?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes; along with the other attendants of the hospital.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* In view of the fact that the same qualifications are prescribed, may I point out that the answer of the Government stands self-condemned?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it enough that these compounders possess the Madras qualifications or should they possess our State qualifications?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Madras tests are generally recognised here also.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly reconsider this question?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government have considered the matter in full detail and it is only after this that they have come to this conclusion.

NOTICE BOARDS—AT TOLL-GATES—CORRECTIONS IN

40. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Diwan Peishkar has issued instructions to the toll gate contractors to make the necessary corrections on the Board placed at every toll-gate based on the Government Order R. Dis. 24606/1115, dated 3rd September on cut motion No. 5 (*a*) passed by the Council at the Budget Session of 1115;

(*b*) whether the Government has issued any instructions to the Municipalities in the State to bring to effect the principle of the Government Order referred to in (*a*) passed on the cut motion 5 (*a*) referred to above in (*a*) and also on cut motion 5 (*b*) by advising them to give proper instructions to the contractors under them also?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The Diwan Peishkar has issued the necessary instructions to the toll-gate contractors to carry out the spirit of the Government Order. A copy of the Circular issued by him is placed on the Council Table.* In view of these instructions, Government do not think it necessary to make any corrections on the Boards placed at the toll-gates.

(*b*) No. Both parts of the cut motion speak of the Public Works tolls alone.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I am thankful to the Government for their Circular, and the instructions issued to the toll-gate contractors. I request them to make the necessary corrections on the boards placed at these toll-gates. By doing that they would be only fulfilling their duty by the people.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* After every letter in the Board, if we are going to put a commentary of every word, then, I fear the size of board will be very big. After all, this is a minor matter and a Circular has already been issued.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* A separate board with the cut motion and the name of the mover on it

*Appendix II.

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